

**State of Wisconsin
Government Accountability Board**

Total Lobbying Expenditures

2005-2006 Legislative Session

through December 31 2006

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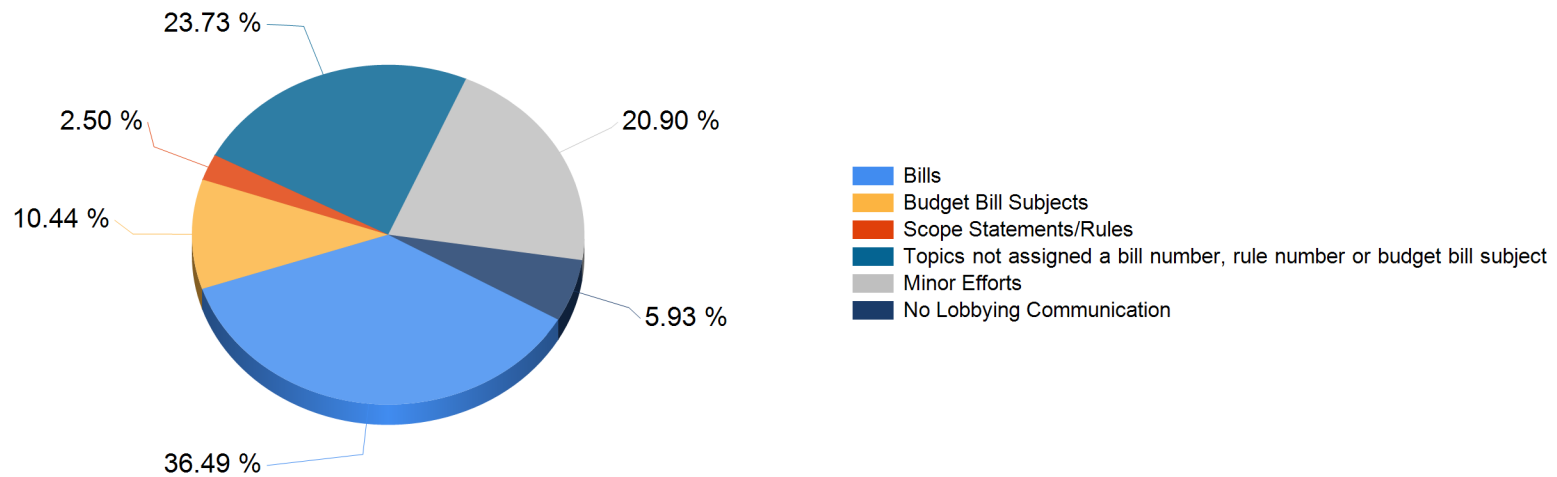
This report provides a measure of the lobbying activity directed toward specific proposals that were before Wisconsin's legislature during the 2005-2006 legislative session. Each of the organizations that employed lobbyists in Wisconsin during the 2005-2006 legislative session has reported to the Government Accountability Board the number of hours and dollars it spent on lobbying-related efforts. Each also provided the Government Accountability Board with its estimate of the portion of its lobbying efforts associated with specific proposals.

The number of hours of lobbying-related activity reported for each proposal is derived from each lobbying organization's estimate of the hours it devoted to lobbying on that proposal during each 6 month reporting period within the 2005-2006 legislative session. True totals may be slightly greater for some proposals because an organization did not have to report time it devoted to a proposal if the time amounted to less than 10% of its total lobbying effort.

Due to the rounding of percentages and the formulas used to generate this report, all totals are accurate within a margin of +/- 1.

	<u>January-June 2005</u>	<u>July-December 2005</u>	<u>January-June 2006</u>	<u>July-December 2006</u>	<u>Session-to-date</u>
TOTALS:					
Hours:	142,713	120,488	123,552	78,061	464,815
Dollars:	\$15,779,470	\$14,633,404	\$15,591,008	\$10,810,743	\$56,814,624
CONTRACT LOBBYISTS AND THEIR RESEARCH STAFF:					
Hours:	43,992	40,591	38,703	20,091	143,377
Dollars:	\$6,954,665	\$7,385,744	\$7,271,292	\$5,251,107	\$26,862,807
IN-HOUSE LOBBYISTS AND THEIR RESEARCH STAFF:					
Hours:	98,722	79,897	84,850	57,969	321,438
Dollars:	\$6,871,320	\$5,708,162	\$6,198,277	\$4,671,883	\$23,449,642
ALL OTHER LOBBYING EXPENSES:					
Dollars:	\$1,953,485	\$1,539,499	\$2,121,439	\$887,752	\$6,502,174

2005-2006 Legislative Session Focus on Lobbying Interests



2005-2006 Legislative Session Lobbying Effort in Hours by Subject Area		
Lobbying Subject	Hours	Percentage
Bills	169,783	36.49%
Budget Bill Subjects	48,555	10.44%
Scope Statements/Rules	11,625	2.50%
Topics not assigned a bill number, rule number or budget bill subject	110,416	23.73%
Minor Efforts	97,251	20.90%
No Lobbying Communication	27,605	5.93%
	465,235	100.00%

The 15 organizations who spent the greatest number of DOLLARS lobbying

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	3,861	3,134	3,346	2,139	12,479
Dollars:	\$545,408	\$450,796	\$412,184	\$175,751	\$1,584,138

Wisconsin Education Association Council

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	3,185	2,339	2,922	1,213	9,659
Dollars:	\$382,537	\$467,972	\$548,503	\$128,899	\$1,527,911

Wisconsin Health and Hospital Association Inc

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	2,341	2,256	2,738	2,029	9,364
Dollars:	\$460,172	\$324,542	\$440,233	\$292,375	\$1,517,322

Wisconsin Independent Businesses Inc

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	3,767	3,485	3,329	3,649	14,230
Dollars:	\$263,317	\$276,581	\$262,793	\$287,800	\$1,090,492

Wisconsin Merchants Federation

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	2,003	1,288	1,750	1,410	6,451
Dollars:	\$262,070	\$218,140	\$334,552	\$258,570	\$1,073,333

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	2,114	1,523	1,550	1,053	6,240
Dollars:	\$263,423	\$265,055	\$266,687	\$274,780	\$1,069,945

Forest County Potawatomi Community

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	79	73	404	101	656
Dollars:	\$24,696	\$49,410	\$728,868	\$57,286	\$860,260

Arjo Wiggins Appleton Limited

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	776	1,781	1,233	0	3,790
Dollars:	\$156,234	\$413,870	\$273,574	\$0	\$843,678

Wisconsin Insurance Alliance

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	762	603	275	239	1,879
Dollars:	\$400,697	\$178,940	\$71,268	\$102,596	\$753,501

Wisconsin Energy Corporation

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,217	314	584	636	2,751
Dollars:	\$204,422	\$122,919	\$214,592	\$177,507	\$719,440

Wisconsin Counties Association

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Hours:	2,636	2,335	2,024	1,777	8,772
Dollars:	\$200,688	\$195,167	\$168,606	\$147,643	\$712,104

Aurora Health Care Inc

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	826	469	671	414	2,380
Dollars:	\$191,076	\$131,364	\$166,068	\$163,613	\$652,122

Philip Morris Incorporated by its service company Philip Morris Management Corp

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	178	65	70	62	375
Dollars:	\$201,314	\$122,206	\$117,311	\$120,881	\$561,712

Georgia-Pacific Corporation

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,174	402	28	16	1,619
Dollars:	\$337,547	\$150,700	\$5,355	\$2,964	\$496,566

Wisconsin Property Taxpayers Inc

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	2,578	2,576	2,732	2,848	10,734
Dollars:	\$106,074	\$120,693	\$126,543	\$133,528	\$486,837

The 12 organizations who spent the greatest number of HOURS lobbying

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Wisconsin Citizen Action

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	983	3,053	1,550	2,124	7,709
Dollars:	\$18,172	\$58,772	\$26,677	\$223,371	\$326,992

Wisconsin Association of School Boards Inc

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	2,075	2,174	1,813	1,343	7,404
Dollars:	\$97,315	\$105,388	\$97,365	\$86,099	\$386,166

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Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,354	1,434	1,646	1,527	5,961
Dollars:	\$48,661	\$35,599	\$39,678	\$24,006	\$147,944

Milwaukee County

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,945	1,016	1,535	1,354	5,850
Dollars:	\$123,870	\$64,170	\$102,763	\$92,216	\$383,019

The 10 most lobbied bills

Assembly Joint Resolution 77 2005 Regular Session

relating to: creating a revenue limit for the state and local governmental units, depositing excess revenue into an emergency reserve, returning excess revenue to taxpayers, elector approval for exceeding the revenue limit, state and local governmental approval for reducing the revenue limit, allowing local governmental units to raise revenue to compensate for reductions in state aid, requiring the state to reduce its revenue limit in conjunction with reduction in state aid, reimbursing the reasonable costs of imposing state mandates, standing to bring a suit to enforce the revenue limits, and requiring the approval of only one legislature to amend the revenue limit provisions (first consideration).

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:			6,855	120	6,975

Assembly Bill 222 2005 Regular Session

relating to: environmental claims under general liability insurance policies, fees related to removal of contaminated material from a navigable water, and making an appropriation.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	3,350	1,771	389	7	5,517

Assembly Bill 15 2005 Regular Session

relating to: ethanol requirements in automotive gasoline, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,032	1,625	1,871	188	4,716

Senate Resolution 63 2005 Regular Session

creating a revenue limit for the state and local governmental units, depositing excess revenue into an emergency reserve, returning excess revenue to taxpayers, elector approval for exceeding the revenue limit, state and local governmental approval for reducing the revenue limit, allowing local governmental units to raise revenue to compensate for reductions in state aid, requiring the state to reduce its revenue limit in conjunction with reduction in state aid, reimbursing the reasonable costs of imposing state mandates, standing to bring a suit to enforce the revenue limits, and requiring the approval of only one legislature to amend the revenue limit provisions (first consideration).

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:			3,897	96	3,993

Senate Bill 459 2005 Regular Session

relating to: administration and funding of programs for utility public benefits; renewable energy requirements for utilities and retail electric cooperatives; energy efficiency requirements for state construction; revising and reviewing the state energy conservation code; state use of renewable energy resources; anaerobic digester research; and granting rule-making authority.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:		988	2,221		3,209

Senate Bill 215 2005 Regular Session

relating to: regulating the minimum price of motor vehicle fuel.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	235	1,387	1,160	87	2,869

Assembly Bill 766 2005 Regular Session

relating to: recovery of noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:		2,397	310	14	2,721

Senate Bill 403 2005 Regular Session

relating to: carrying a concealed weapon, possessing or transporting a firearm under certain circumstances, background checks for handgun purchases, photographic identification cards for retired law enforcement officers, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, providing an exemption from rule-making authority, and providing penalties.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:		1,929	770		2,699

Assembly Bill 1073 2005 Regular Session

relating to: recovery of noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:			2,648		2,648

Senate Bill 356 2005 Regular Session

relating to: choice of law in cases involving environmental claims under general liability insurance policies.

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:		1,547	998	5	2,550

The 12 most lobbied budget bill subjects

Health and Family Services: Medical Assistance

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	9,510	1,945			11,455

Public Instruction: Categorical Aids

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,400	415			1,815

General Fund Taxes

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,670	87			1,757

Shared Revenue and Property Tax Relief: Property Taxation

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,694	17			1,711

Public Instruction: Revenue Limits

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,455	153			1,608

Revenue: Tax Administration

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,425	134			1,559

Health and Family Services: Health

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,417	127			1,544

Public Instruction: General School Aids

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,350	187			1,537

Transportation: Local Transportation Aid

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,373	91			1,464

Health and Family Services: Family Care and Other Community-Based Long-Term Care Programs

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,085	244			1,329

Transportation: Transportation Finance

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	1,133	111			1,244

Insurance

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	911	127			1,038

TOPICS OF LOBBYING COMMUNICATION (not assigned a bill or clearinghouse rule number)

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	29,702	26,606	15,754	38,354	110,416

MINOR LOBBYING EFFORT (effort that accounted for less than 10% of an organization's total lobbying time)

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	26,361	24,752	24,291	21,847	97,251

NO LOBBYING COMMUNICATION

	January-June 2005	July-December 2005	January-June 2006	July-December 2006	Session-to-date
Hours:	6,980	5,308	6,214	9,103	27,605